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## On the prowl

Lance Cpl. Jeff L. Hughes, 20, light armored reconnaissance scout, Light Armored Reconnaissance Company D, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, from Stevenville, Tx., helps set up a 360 degree defense during a recent patrol through the Camp Schwab training area. The field training exercise helped the Light Armored Vehicle crewmen learn how to set up a patrol base.

# Camp Hansen receives new barracks

**Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Lynch**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP HANSEN** — Camp Hansen Marines will soon move into the newest Bachelor Enlisted Quarters on the island.

The new barracks is being built because increased billeting space was needed for permanently assigned and Unit Deployment Program personnel in Okinawa.

Since 1983, the Department of Defense construction standard for BEQs has been a module consisting of two 180 square foot living/sleeping rooms with a shared bath and service area. This is known as the 2x2 standard and many of the current Marine Corps barracks on Okinawa conform to this standard.

In response to increased emphasis on quality of life, Headquarters Marine Corps established a Marine Corps unique construction standard in 1993 which put two

Marines (E1-E3) per 180 square foot room with a shared bath and service area, according to Edward S. Weaver, Director, Bachelor Housing, Marine Corps Base.

Other amenities such as built-in closets, telephone/cable outlets and limited access to bulk storage areas were also included. This is known as the 2x0 standard and is the standard used by the Marine Corps in the United States today, said Weaver.

According to Weaver, later in 1995 the Department of Defense introduced new construction criteria, known as the 1x1 standard. This gives each enlisted servicemember, noncommissioned officer and below, 118 square feet of individual living/sleeping space with a shared bath and service area. The new BEQ is the metric equivalent of the 1x1 standard.

The outside of the building looks like any other Marine barracks on the island, but that's where the similarities stop.

The interior design layout is like none other in the Corps, according to Navy Lt. j.g. Bill Seguire, Japanese Facilities Improvement Program Officer, Marine Corps Base Facilities Engineer, Public Works.

Upon entering a room, there is a sink area with cupboards on the right and a full-sized refrigerator and microwave oven on the left.

The kitchenette area leads off to four other separate rooms, which include a bathroom with a toilet; another sink room for washing and shaving and two bedrooms complete with walk-in closet. Unlike the older barracks on the island, the wiring design has been improved to better accommodate various appliances, such as microwave ovens. In addition, each room has an outlet for a phone or a computer modem.

To cut down on ambient sound, the walls have increased soundproofing.

The project was started in 1996, and once funding for the \$13.35 million living quarters was approved 18 months ago, construction began soon thereafter, according to Weaver.

"Future plans call for the replacement of all existing barracks throughout Okinawa, which will feature the new design," said Seguire.

The life expectancy of barracks already in existence on Okinawa is 25 to 35 years. When it no longer is cost effective to renovate the structure, it will be torn down and replaced with a barracks with this new design.

"Because Okinawa is a joint military environment, the current DoD standards will be met, making duty on the island a little more prestigious for the junior Marine," said Seguire. "Living conditions will be the same for everyone. Marine, Sailor, soldier and airman will all share the same standards of living."

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# Marines construct K-span on Kadena

Sgt. Nathaniel T. Garcia

Combat Correspondent

**KADENA AIR BASE** — Marines from 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group began construction of a new K-span building here.

The ground was broken at the construction area Oct. 25, 1999 and is scheduled to be complete around mid-April. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$375,000, according to 2nd Lt. Patrick G. Manson, K-span project officer, 9th ESB. Half of the funding for the project comes from the United States Air Force and the other half from the United States Marine Corps.

Marines arriving at K-5 Right can stage their gear or baggage in the new building or use it to provide shelter to Marines from the elements until transportation to their next destination arrives.

Once the steel prefabricated structure or K-span is complete, Marines arriving at Kadena from deployments or permanently changing stations will use the new building, according to Manson.

The K-span is 187 feet by 56 feet in size and will consist mostly of rebar and concrete. "This is the largest K-span that 9th ESB has ever built," said Manson.

The crew working on the project is comprised of approximately 33 Marines and Sailors working down to dusk against the elements to complete the project.

"Weather plays a key role in the construction," said Sgt. Curt Arvelo, 26, non-commissioned officer of the K-span

project, Co. A, 9th ESB, who attended a school in Gulf Port, Miss., specifically to learn to construct a K-span. "It's a lot of long hours. Everyone plays a role in the construction."

Heavy equipment operators involved in the project, operate machines like the D7G bulldozer, compactor, excavator and 25-ton crane, while motor transport continues to deliver material to the construction area.

"A lot more heavy machinery is used in this project," said Lance Cpl. Guy I. McPartland, combat engineer, Co. A, 9th ESB.

"There are different people working here to guide you through some of the cross training we receive," said McPartland, 20, and a native of Bergenfield, N.J.

Already the K-span construction crew has brought in dirt to level out the area, put in approximately 56 rebar cages and laid about 600 cubic yards of concrete into the foundation, according to Manson.

In addition, heavy equipment and an automatic building machine were used, and wood working and welding was completed.

Although no exact date has been given for the completion of the K-span, according to Manson, the construction on the project is going as planned.

Assisting in the construction is Marine Wing Support Squadron-171, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni; 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group; and Navy Mobile Construction Battalion, Camp Shields.



CPL. JEREMIAH K. HARRIS

Corporal Tyson R. Spencer, welder, Co. A, 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG, welds rebar cages together before cement is poured in.

## SNCO Academy courses revamped, refocused

Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Elder

MCB Camp Pendleton Public Affairs Office

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — Marine Noncommissioned Officer Academies are offering revamped courses — a result of the most extensive review ever of what it takes to be a Marine Staff NCO.

The changes are aimed at preventing overlapping instruction and incorporating new technology. The focus is now on practical application of skills, rather than merely accumulation of knowledge.

Before this review, the last time the Corps made serious efforts to improve enlisted professional military education was after the Gulf War, said Gunnery Sgt. Richard D. St. Amour, academics SNCO-in-charge at the Staff NCO Academy here. "Unfortunately, they only brought together about 300 Marines (for the study), and most of them were from the infantry.

"That study was really the only recent analysis of the duties sergeants through gunnery sergeants should be able to perform," said St. Amour.

But for nearly two years, the Enlisted Education Branch of Marine Corps University, along with representatives from the Marine Corps' six SNCO academies, has conducted a comprehensive review of the professional needs of these ranks. They involved roughly 1,200 Marines, staff sergeants and above, and incorporated needs and views from respondents in a variety of mili-

tary occupational specialties.

Historically, Marines attending the Sergeants, Career and Advanced courses have complained that there was too much overlap between nonresident courses through the Marine Corps Institute and resident programs such as those offered through the academies, he said. Overlap between resident courses was also reported.

The academies new curriculum offers a "building block" approach to enlisted Professional Military Education, St. Amour said. "Everything we teach (here) is based on something that should happen in the real world."

For example, sergeants will learn to conduct training on nonjudicial punishment; staff sergeants will learn to brief Marines on the entire military justice system; and gunnery sergeants will learn to advise individual Marines on procedures of pending NJPs. The program will allow students to apply and expand their knowledge.

"Students will have to apply what they have learned rather than recalling information on tests," said St. Amour said.

Besides reduced overlap, emphasis on performance is increasing, he said.

"Now we have very few multiple choice tests, and classes are more performance-based. Students have to apply more of what we teach them, rather than studying and taking a test," said St. Amour

Future courses at the SNCO Academy will be ad-

vanced lessons of nonresident (MCI) instruction, he said.

"Once the nonresident courses are in the system and Marines complete them, we will start evaluating them to identify weak areas," he said.

"If we find out, for instance, a student scored low on land navigation, we will have them brush up on those skills before we move on to advanced lessons."

The course will emphasize application of skills, he said. "You are going to have to put your hands on the gear, get out in the field and do some writing. A large part will deal with critical thinking skills."

Another focus is to update warfighting doctrine, tactics and everyday Marine tasks "We are trying to bring more technology into what we do," said St. Amour.

The academy is trying to incorporate technology, such as global positioning satellites into land navigation courses.

The first classes to see these changes will be a validation cycle to test the curriculum. After feedback, fine-tuning will take place with the goal of continual improvement.

"Instruction in all school houses is a continual cycle. It has to be continually re-evaluated," said St. Amour.

"This is ongoing," said Sgt. Maj. Al Parker, former director of the SNCO Academy, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif. "(The Marine Corps) finally came to the realization it was time for a change in enlisted PME, and we started the ball rolling. This is the key to success in the Corps."



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# Information technology will revolutionize admin tasks

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**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C.** — One of the biggest changes within the business world during the past few years is the expansion and implementation of Information Technology. IT advances have allowed companies to consolidate work sections, communicate with customers more efficiently, and reduce certain repetitious areas of day-to-day operations.

As 2000 begins, the Marine Corps is well on the way to doing the same with its current administrative system.

In 1997, the Commandant of the Marine Corps concluded that more than 1,000 Marine Corps administration billets could be eliminated. This decision prompted the creation of the Total Force Administration System, an initiative designed to modernize the Corps' administration to meet the requirements of the 21st century, according to Lt. Col. Jeffery Peterson, TFAS branch head.

TFAS plans include making it possible for individual Marines to access all of their pay and personnel information through telephone and web-based applications, and even make changes to some of that data.

"One intent behind this system is to enable the individual Marine to take care of certain personal administrative duties that are considered to be within current (administrative) boundaries," said Chief Warrant Officer-2 Steven W. Wallace, TFAS East Coast representative.

Plans also include streamlining information collec-

tion and reporting for the small unit leader. This will allow commanders to use personal electronic devices to collect and report information directly into the system, without the need for an administrator.

This technology could be used for events such as physical fitness tests, nuclear, biological and chemical qualifications, training lectures, proficiency and conduct marks and drill accounting. It is possible that nearly 25 percent of the 15 million transactions keyed in by administrators each year could be eliminated with this type of system.

"The days of administrators filling out forms, printing them out, and signing them, only to give them to a diary clerk, who re-keys the same information into the system, must end," said Peterson.

"We will create a 21st century system where forms auto-populate off existing information and automatically generate updates to the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) when you change information.

"With those changes, we expect the number of administrators at the battalion and squadron levels to be reduced. These commands will still keep a small cell of clerks, supported by regional personal (administration) centers (PACs) to assist with more technical processes," said Peterson.

"The PAC's primary function will be to provide technical expertise in transaction reporting above the traditional command level," explained Chief Warrant Officer-4 Tony Torresramos, TFAS operations officer. He indicated that once TFAS is in place, no fewer than three PACs will exist.

TFAS plans are also aimed at reducing the mystery surrounding pay and personnel administration.

"One of the main points we want to get across is that TFAS will give Marines and small unit leaders an opportunity to access information they don't have access to today," added Torresramos.

"TFAS will present information to Marines and their commanders in easily understandable language, not in computer code," he said. "It will provide them the information when they want it, not when it is convenient for someone else to provide it."

A key part of TFAS planning is telecommunications security and access. The system will incorporate state-of-the-art security measures, which is important as the Corps makes pay and personnel information available to a wider base of users.

For many Marines who do not have web access, improvements continue to be made to the Corps' infrastructure, including plans to implement a Navy/Marine Corps intranet.

"We will build a system compatible with our current telecommunications capacity and ensure it will take full advantage of the future expansion," said Peterson.

"What TFAS really means for the Marine Corps is that commanders will have increased access to information and an enhanced ability to do those things inherent to being a CO, namely, taking care of Marines," said Torresramos.

For more information on TFAS, visit the Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower website at <http://tripoli.manpower.usmc.mil>.

## Finance office requests off-base utility receipts

Lance Cpl. Pete Voss

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — The finance office is asking people who are receiving Overseas Housing Allowance to submit their monthly receipts to their administration office by March 31, 2000.

The receipts must be dated from April 1, 1999 to the present.

According to 1992's Share Cost Arrangement, the Government of Japan will reimburse the United States government for electricity, propane gas, water and kerosene purchased off-base.

The Japanese government will not reimburse these utilities, however, unless receipts with a proof-of-purchase are turned in.

Last year, the Government of Japan retained more than \$100,000 that could have been reimbursed to the United States government if people would have turned in their receipts, according to José A. Pérez, manager, Burden Share Program.

"Each year we come up shy," said Perez. "Last year we should've received twice as much compliance as we got."

Before anyone signs up for Overseas Housing Allowance, he or she signs a document that states the person receiving the allowance must bring a utilities receipt to the administrative section for reimbursement.

As required by MARCORPSBASESJAPANO 7220.4A, all command sponsored military and civilian personnel who live off-base and receive an allowance for housing must turn in receipts.

Failure to turn in receipts can result in referral letters to a servicemember's commanding officer and if a civilian does not turn in their receipts, his or her allowance could be terminated, according to Pérez.

"(The non-compliants) probably think they're not personally getting anything out of turning in the receipts," said Pérez. "But they have to remember that everyone has an obligation to do their part."

For more information on turning in receipts and the process, people can call their command's administrative section or the finance office at 645-7432.



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## Prayer breakfast held

**Earnestine Graham, praise leader at the MCAS Futenma Chapel, sings "Precious lord, lead me on" during the annual 3rd Force Service Support Group Prayer Breakfast at the Surfside Club on Camp Kinser recently. Marines, Sailors and civilians of all religions gathered to pray, sing and be thankful in celebration of National Prayer Month. The guest speaker was Brig. Gen. Frances C. Wilson, commanding general, 3rd FSSG.**



## Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

• A seaman assigned to U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lester, was sentenced by members to total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, 10 years confinement and to be discharged with a dishonorable discharge, following a conviction at a general court-martial of one specification of Article 119, involuntary manslaughter.

## Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The *Okinawa Marine*, in accordance with the III MEF/MCBJ Liberty Campaign Plan, now publishes the following alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Feb. 13 - 19.

### • Drunk on duty

A lance corporal with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of being drunk on duty and found in a taxi cab drunken with an earring in his ear. Punishment: forfeiture of \$263 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

### • DWI

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of DWI. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

## Community Briefs

### West Indian Association hosts a Carnival Mardi Gras

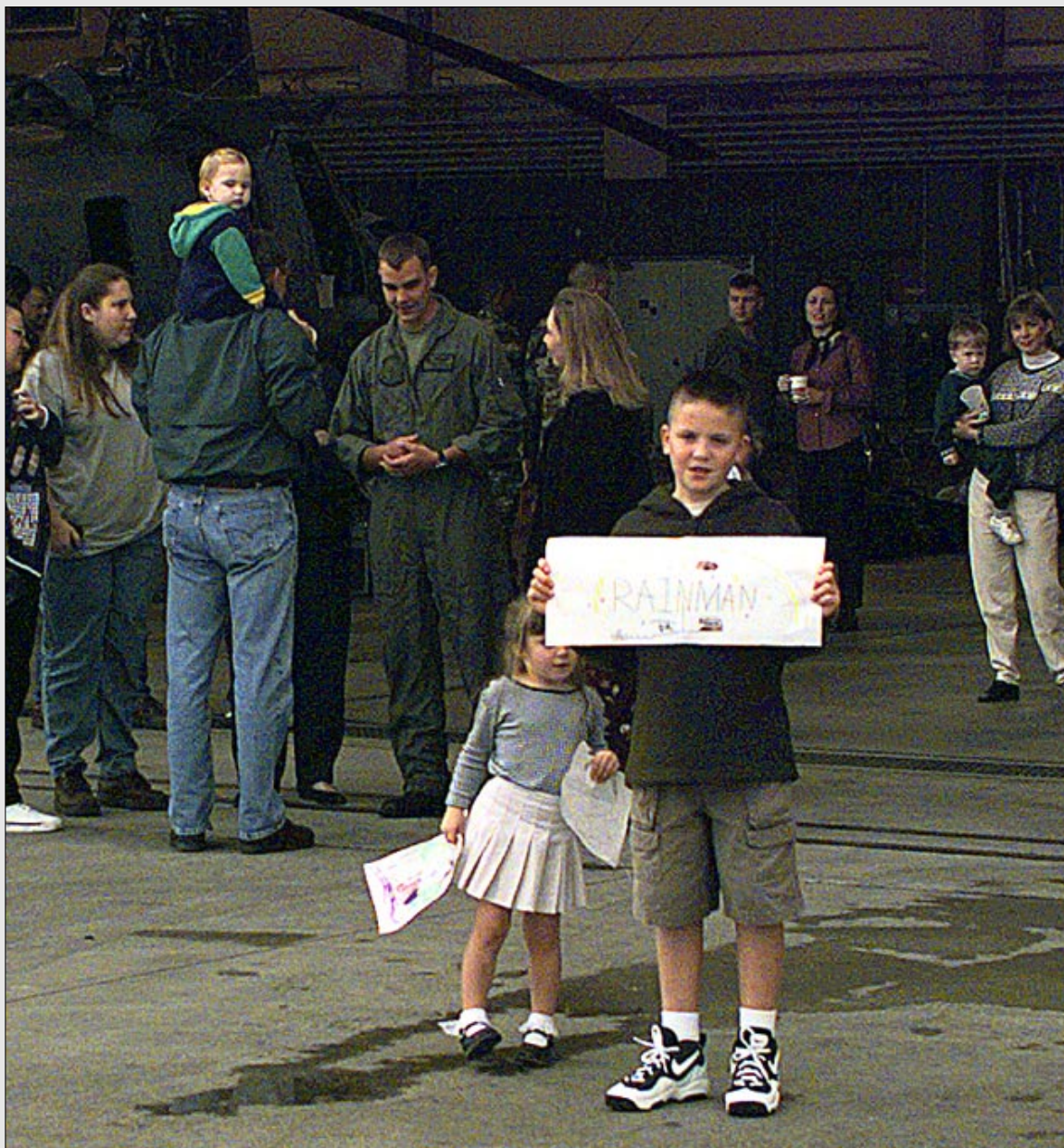
The West Indian Association of Okinawa will host a Carnival Mardi, Gras March 26 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Camp Foster on 6th Marine Division Road and Stillwill Drive. The event is open to all military and private organizations. For more information contact 645-2556 or 645-7406.

### Navy Officer's Spouses' Club hosts art auction

Kadena's Art Auction benefitting the Navy Officer's Spouses' Club will be held March 4 at the Butler O'Club. The pre-sale for the auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 7. Bid blocks cost \$5. The Butler O'Club will prepare a pasta bar for the evening. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and costs \$12.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children.

### POPs performs 'Brighton Beach Memoirs'

Pacific Okinawan Players announces its winter production "Brighton Beach Memoirs" by Neil Simon has



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## HMM-265 returns

As spouses, family members and friends wait for the Marines and Sailors of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265 to return from East Timor, A.J. Greco, 10, and his little sister Caroline, 3, hold up a sign for their dad, Maj. Anthony Greco, operations officer, HMM-265.

been cast and is in rehearsal. The production will take place March 12-14 and 17-19 at the Butler Theater on Camp Foster. The box office will open at 6 p.m. and curtain will go up at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 adults and \$3 for children.

### DRMO hosts sealed bid sale

DRMO at Camp Kinser will have a local sealed bid sale at Building 600 March 9. Sales are open to all SOFA and non-SOFA status personnel. For more information contact 637-4323.

### Spouses' club hosts craft fair

The Kadena Enlisted Spouses' Club hosts a Spring craft fair Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club ballroom. For more information contact Gilda Frazier 633-7296.

### Butler Theater hosts 'The Evolution of Gospel Music'

This event is a historical enactment of the development of gospel music in America. Combined choirs of Foster Gospel Service and Kadena Chapel One will perform Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information contact Chaplain Calhoun 645-7486.

### Help Line volunteers needed

Help Line volunteers are trained to provide immediate emotional support, crisis intervention and information and referrals to the appropriate agencies. Volunteer hours are flexible. If interested, call 634-0648.

### Report off base traffic violations

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### National Prayer Breakfast

This year's National Prayer Breakfast will be held March 2, at 6:30 a.m. at the Rocker NCO Club on Kadena. Guest speaker for this event is Maj. Gen. William J. Dendinger, chief of chaplain service.

Ticket cost is \$5 per person For more information, call 634-1288.

### Book donations needed

The University of Oklahoma will be collecting good condition textbooks and non-fiction books to be donated to the University of Ryukyus Library. Adult and child fiction will be gladly accepted and donated to the Urasoe City Library and a local Japanese daycare. Look for collection boxes in your base library and education centers throughout February.

For more information, contact the local OU office at 634-1606.

### Support, referee, play soccer

If you are 16-years-old or older, and are interested in playing, refereeing or supporting soccer on Okinawa, contact Barnes at 622-5237, Sam at sam10ref@konnnect.net, Conrad on Kadena at conrad.marshall@kadena.af.mil, or for the women's league, contact Amy at mccambridgeae@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

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# To the Shores of Tripoli, the full story

The Marines Hymn sings of only two events in the Marine Corps' history: the halls of Montezuma and the shores of Tripoli.

The Marine Corps was still young at the turn of the 19th Century. Despite a recent war with the French, the Marine Corps found itself at a reduced size of 23 officers and 453 enlisted men in 1801.

The battle at Tripoli was to be a wake-up call to a nation that had almost forgotten about the Corps, but the call to glory did not begin as planned.

The Barbary States, which consisted of Algiers, Tunis, Morocco and Tripoli, were violent entities on the North African coast. The states existed by primarily preying on unarmed Mediterranean merchant ships and forcing countries to pay a fee to allow their vessels to pass. When the United States refused to pay, tension between the United States and the Barbary States grew.

In the summer of 1803, the United States sent a squadron of Navy ships to form a blockade. Assigned to the squadron was the *USS Philadelphia*, a fast moving frigate. On the morning of Oct. 31, 1803, the *Philadelphia* made a crucial mistake.

The frigate became grounded on an uncharted reef and the American giant became nothing more than tar-

get practice for the undersized Tripolitan gunboats. Not a single person was injured, but Navy Capt. William Bainbridge surrendered the *Philadelphia's* flag. 308 Americans, including 43 Marines commanded by 1st Lt. William S. Osborne, were taken ashore and imprisoned for 19 months.

The Tripolitans had freed the *Philadelphia* from the reef and brought it into a Tripolitan harbor. Navy Capt. Edward Preble decided to destroy the frigate rather than let the enemy use her.

On the night of Feb. 16, 1804, 74 volunteers, including eight Marines, rode into the harbor on a stolen Tripolitan vessel. Receiving permission to tie up next to the *Philadelphia*, the volunteers boarded the frigate and killed or captured all but two of the enemy. Not a single American was hurt and the *Philadelphia* was set ablaze.

In the spring of 1805, the United States launched an overland expedition to overthrow the Pasha of Tripoli. This brought one of the greatest Marine heroes of the Tripolitan War to the forefront, a young first lieutenant from the Blue Ridge Mountains named Presley Neville O'Bannon.

O'Bannon led his Marines and approximately 500 men from Tunis, nearly 800 miles across the desert, toward

the harbor fortress stronghold at Derna, Tripoli.

At 2 a.m. April 27, O'Bannon led his Marines, and approximately 70 Tunis men, into the city of Derna. O'Bannon's initial attack was stopped cold, but when reserves showed, he was able to press on into the city. The Marines led the charge with bayonets drawn through a shower of bullets.

Finally at 3:30 a.m., O'Bannon raised the American flag over the harbor fort. For the first time, the Stars and Stripes had been raised in battle over the Eastern Hemisphere.

On June 3, the imprisoned men from the *Philadelphia* were released after a ransom was paid, and a treaty was signed on June 10. According to legend, O'Bannon was given a jeweled sword that would serve as the model for the "Mameluke sword." That sword is still used today by Marine officers.

Though the war was not an overwhelming victory for the United States, it proved the young nation would fight. The war also proved a training ground for young naval officers of future wars.

Staff Sgt. Jason J. Bortz  
Consolidated Public Affairs Office

## Help each other to keep your hope alive!

Someone has said that man can live for 40 days without food, three days without water, eight minutes without air and just one second without hope!

Feeling of hopelessness is one of the main reasons why a discouraged and despondent person opted to take his/her life. Members of the sea service personnel must encourage each other every day.

It is our responsibility to lift up the disheartened and discouraged Marines, Sailors and family members. We must motivate them to keep their hope alive. Hope is a word that lightens the heart and gives courage today to help face tomorrow.

People with hope will help keep them going even when faced with life's difficulties. Hope gives strength for the weary. Hope energizes the weak and downtrodden. Zig Ziglar, world-renowned motivational speaker, says, "Hope in the future has a dramatic impact on your thinking today. Your thinking today determines your performance today, and your performance today has a direct bearing on your

future."

We all want a good future. John Johnson, publisher of Ebony magazine and one of the 400 wealthiest men in America, says the "men and women are limited not by the place of their birth, not by the color of their skin, but by the size of their hope."

The Word of the Lord gives us a message of hope. Bruce Larson writes in Wind and Fire, "A few years ago I almost drowned in a storm at sea in the Gulf of Mexico when I found myself swimming far from shore, something not unusual at all. I can remember saying, 'well this it.' The waves were seven or eight feet high, and the sky was dark with gale force winds and lightning. I was drifting out to sea when The Word of the Lord came to me and saved my life. 'I'm here Larson, and you're not coming home as soon as you think. Can you tread water?' Somehow that had never occurred to me. Had I continued my frantic effort to swim back to the shore, I could have exhausted my strength and gone down." Dr. Larson survived because he had hope and did not

give up. He listened and obeyed The Word of the Lord.

The Bible consists of ample verses that talk about hope. In the midst of hopeless situations, the prophet of God, Jeremiah, preached a message of hope to all the remaining children of Israel and the exiled in Babylon. God told Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," Jeremiah 29:11 NIV.

Jesus, one of 27,000 Cuban migrants in Guantanamo Bay in 1994-95, kept his hope alive when he heard the Bible read to him in Spanish, "Jehova es mi pastor; nada me faltara." Salmo 23:1. In English, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" Psalm 23:1 NIV.

Jesus, our Lord, comforts his disciples by saying, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there

ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:1-4, 6 KJV.

Another encouraging verse in the Bible is "Greater love than no one that this, that he lay down his life for his friends," John 15:13 NIV.

Remember that Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out. So when you are lonely and feel hopeless, remember to read the Word of God. God's Word brightens your dreary day and has always a message of hope for you. Keep your hope alive!

If you or your friends need to talk to someone today, call your unit Chaplain. Our Religious Ministry Team in Okinawa will be glad to help you. We invite you to attend our services this week where you will hear a message of hope proclaim from the Word of God.

Lt. Cmdr. M. A. Biadog, Jr.  
Assistant Division Chaplain  
3rd Marine Division

### STREET TALK

"What do you think was the most significant event of U.S. Military History?"



2nd Lt. Leonel  
O. Brito,  
H&S Bn.,  
3rd FSSG

"D-day, because it was a great event that signified the beginning of the end of World War II."



Cpl. Nathan M.  
Gonzalez,  
H&S Bn.,  
3rd FSSG

"The battle of Okinawa, because more people died here than in any other battle in the Pacific in World War II."



Lance Cpl.  
Paul J. Pigeon,  
H&S Bn.,  
3rd FSSG

"The battle of Iwo Jima, because a lot of soldiers and Marines died there and the flag raising is one of the most recognized American symbols."



Lance Cpl.  
Paul Piloni,  
3rd MRB,  
3rd FSSG

"D-day, because it showed us how if we all worked together we could accomplish anything."

# Marine communicates through music

**Gunnery Sgt. Terence R. Peck**

*Press Chief*

**CAMP FOSTER** — In 1980, at age 13, he was a member of the ‘New Tones’ a teenage group from Miami. The “New Tones” sang before audiences at churches, Christmas plays and concerts.

Twenty years later, Staff Sgt. Horace L. Miller, is still singing before audiences, and most recently here on Okinawa.

Miller, squadron gunnery sergeant, Marine Wing Communications Squadron-18, Marine Air Control Group-18, is known around the island for his renditions of songs from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Luther Vandross and Peabo Bryson.

In June, Miller will have the opportunity to perform before Florida audiences again when he opens up for a popular African-American website’s 3rd annual “Summer Splash 2000” in Orlando.

Attending the Summer Splash will be some of music’s biggest acts. Groups such as N’Sync and singer Christina Aguilera are scheduled to attend the Splash, according to Miller.

Miller got his break for the Summer Splash when the original opening act canceled out. His cousin, who is in the music business in Florida gave him a call and asked if he could be the opening act.

In the music business, it is important to make the right connections and know the right people, according to Miller.

“I know none of the people who are putting the production together or the managers,” Miller said. “The only person I know is my cousin John and he knows everybody.”

Miller began his singing career when

he was five-years-old at his grandmother’s church where she was the pastor.

“The choir was huge. Everybody in my family sang in the choir,” Miller said.

For Miller, singing in church helped to build the confidence he has now to sing in front of people.

As a member of “The New Tones,” Miller was able to show his talent throughout the Miami area. The group, comprised of his cousin and two God brothers, who sang acapella. Miller remembers two highlights during his time with the group.

“We did our own ‘New Tones’ concert in Miami,” Miller said. “The second highlight was singing with the Clark Sisters.”

The Clark Sisters is a female gospel group in the United States.

“Twinkle Clark was playing the organ with all four of us standing behind her singing,” he said. “She looked back and said ‘who are these boys back here’.”

During the Clark Sisters concert, she put the ‘New Tones’ on the middle of the stage and let them continue to sing.

“I was singing the lead song, I thought, boy I’ve arrived,” Miller said smiling. “I remember Mattie Moss Clark, their mother, getting up from her chair waving her white handkerchief at us. We thought we were the biggest thing since sliced bread after that.”

In June 1986, Miller joined the Marine Corps three days after graduating high school.

According to Miller, the Marine Corps has been a launching pad for him in his singing career.

“A lot of people know me around the Marine Corps from singing for different functions,” Miller said. “It keeps me limber vocally.”

In 1991, Miller’s singing benefited the Marine Corps during his 6-month Operation Desert Storm deployment.

“Some one knew that I could sing, so during the holiday season they put me on the back of a 5-ton (truck), gave me a microphone and had me singing Christmas carols all over the place,” Miller said.

During the holiday season, Miller went to various fighting holes and positions.



GUNNERY SGT. TERENCE R. PECK

**Staff Sgt. Horace L. Miller is scheduled to open for high profile musical acts during Summer Splash 2000 in Orlando, Fla.**

## Cook seeks discipline, brotherhood in Corps

**Staff Sgt. Jason J. Bortz**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP KINSER** — Growing up as an only child in the frozen tundra of Milwaukee, Staff Sgt. Leonard R. Calvin, equal opportunity representative for Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, valued friendships and looked toward brotherhood for comfort.

Calvin went to a Lutheran Church School, and it was there that he first learned about brotherhood. “It was more disciplined [than a regular school] so every one was always together,” said Calvin. That feeling of togetherness is what partially drove Calvin to become a Marine. “The Marine Corps seemed like a band of brothers to me and being an only child, I didn’t feel like I was pushed enough,” he said.

So at the age of 18, Calvin left the only house he had ever lived in and headed to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego for boot camp.

Calvin’s first duty station was at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served as an automatic rifleman. “I loved being a grunt,” said Calvin. “Grunts are a tight band of brothers, they help you and all matters were taken care of in house,” said Calvin, who has been in the Marine Corps for 14 years.

It was while at Camp Pendleton that Calvin says he had the best time of his Marine Corps career.

Calvin went on his first deployment with a Marine Expeditionary Unit. “We went to Australia, the Philippines, Hawaii and I couldn’t believe it. Here I am 19 years old and I am away from the driving snow of Wisconsin. I hate the snow now.”

Looking toward his future, Calvin decided to make a lateral move into a different military occupational specialty, despite his love for being a grunt.

While working at the chow hall on mess duty, Calvin decided to become a cook.



STAFF SGT. JASON J. BORTZ

**Staff Sgt. Leonard R. Calvin, equal opportunity representative, 3rd FSSG, turned to the Marine Corps looking for brotherhood.**

As soon as he reenlisted, Calvin found himself in the desert of Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

After another tour in California, Calvin received orders to Okinawa where he worked at the chow hall here. After a year, he was asked to be the Substance Abuse Counseling Officer.

The SACO’s job is to be the liaison between the Marine and medical when dealing with alcohol and illegal drugs.

“I needed a break and I’m enjoying it,” said Calvin. “I can make a difference for people who really need help.”

Calvin also serves as the equal opportunity representative for Headquarters and Service Bn.

“The EOR deals with racial, gender and religious discrimination, and helps to promote different cultural

events,” said Calvin. “The Marine Corps is a tossed salad,” he said commenting on how there are a variety of different cultures in the Corps.

February is an important time of year for Calvin because it is African-American history month. “My goal is to make people aware of different people who affected African-American history,” said Calvin. “I don’t care if they are white, black or blue. Some of the people that helped our history were white and Hispanic.”

To help promote the month, Calvin held a luncheon on Feb. 23, at the Trimod here. The topic of the luncheon was American leaders who helped promote equality.

“Racism is a plague that has to be understood by everyone,” he said.

As for leaders who inspired Calvin, he has to look no further than the house he grew up in.

“My mother inspired me,” said Calvin. “She raised a young boy as a single parent. I salute all single parents.”

Benjamin Banneker is another African-American leader that has inspired Calvin.

“Benjamin Banneker was a mathematician who helped design the building plans for Washington, D.C.,” said Calvin. “He also built the first clock in the United States, spending two years carving it out of wood.”

An unlikely hero to Calvin is martial arts expert Bruce Lee.

“He was a wild kid who changed his life and faced diversity for being of Asian descent,” said Calvin. “He reminds me of myself and how I changed my life.”

One thing Calvin stresses is that respect should be equal to everybody. “As Marines, we should treat everybody with respect, regardless of rank.”

Calvin isn’t sure what the road ahead has in store for him. He would like become an Equal Opportunity Advisor, but what ever he chooses, one can be sure that he will always look for that brotherhood.





LANCE CPL. LEA A. ATKINS

Battery A, 3/12 Marines re-position an 155 mm Howitzer into proper alignment.

## Artillery live-fire shoot concludes at Hijudai

Lance Cpl. Lea A. Atkins

Combat Correspondent

**HIJUDAI, Japan** — After spending several days and nights in the field, the Marines of Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, successfully completed the second Artillery Relocation Exercise here.

In the Marine Corps, every Marine must be able to shoot the M16A2 service rifle, however, weapons such as the M198 155 mm Medium Towed Howitzer require a trained team for its operation.

A “gun crew” consists of a section head, an ‘A’ chief, powder team, ammunition team, gunner, an ‘A’ gunner, the number one-man and a recorder.

With safety as a priority and teamwork the key, each team will set-up or “lay” the weapon. Once ready, they will fire until ordered to close their station. The team then begins preparations to move.

When moving to the next position, the advanced party is sent ahead to find the location and set-up for the arrival of the main body.

Once the main body arrives, the gun teams go into action.

The howitzer is placed in position and the gun trails (or legs) are stabilized. The gunner confirms the aiming point with the aiming circle. If the gun is not already in the proper position, the gun team will

physically move the 16,000-pound gun into place.

Once the gun is ready, the teams wait for the first fire missions to come over the radio.

“Fire mission, gun number three, fire for effect, special instructions at my command,” shouts Cpl. Christopher M. Shingle, section chief, gun number three, as he repeats the incoming command.

The ammunition team of gun three quickly prepare the round for loading as the powder team takes a charge to the barrel. Shingle rapidly moves from point to point verifying accuracy. Meanwhile, Lance Cpls. William G. Eddy, gunner, and Bradley A. Rawlins, ‘A’ gunner, work together elevating and traversing the weapon. Once the round has been placed in the gun, the number one man latches the breech door. After the round is fired, Shingle calls the Fire Direction Center to report the round is complete.

“Teamwork is important. If someone is doing their own thing, we won’t be able to fire the weapon accurately,” said Eddy.

Camaraderie and teamwork have enabled a good training experience for some of the Marines here.

“This has been some of the best training I have ever had,” said Eddy. “It’s not often you get cold weather training like this.”



LANCE CPL. LEA A. ATKINS

Corporal Christopher M. Shingle and Lance Cpl. William G. Eddy, Battery A, 3/12, prepare a gun for movement during the artillery relocation at the Hijudai Training Area.



LANCE CPL. LEA A. ATKINS

Marines from Battery A, 3/12, get a gun ready for a fire mission after arriving at a new site during training in Hijudai.

## Artillery training proves to be more than firing guns

Lance Cpl. Lea A. Atkins

Combat Correspondent

**HIJUDAI, Japan** — At the Hijudai Training Area, the Marines of Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, completed an eight day, seven night Artillery Relocation Shoot recently.

Training for artillery shoots involves more than firing the M198 155 mm Howitzer.

An artillery battery must have the ability to move positions on a moment’s notice, always tracking possible enemy locations. Exercising convoy drills can help a battery maintain tactics and procedures, while moving quickly under stressful con-



LANCE CPL. LEA A. ATKINS

Marines from Battery A, 3/12, prepare to practice a convoy drill during training in Hijudai.

ditions.

The line up for a convoy begins with the executive officer’s vehicle and ends with the battery gunnery sergeant’s. Each vehicle throughout the convoy maintain

a distance of 75 - 100 meters in the day and 30 - 50 meters at night.

A convoy drill uses colored flags on the vehicles signifying the type of attack underway. Red indicates a blocked am-

bush. Green indicates an unblocked ambush. White indicates immediate emergency suppression. Blue indicates an air raid and yellow indicates a nuclear biological or chemical attack.

In addition to the day drills, they are performed at night as well.

“In a wartime situation, when a move is made, it is usually at night,” said Cpl. Daniel J. Sandoval, motor transport operator, 3/12.

In a convoy drill, it is important drivers of the vehicles pay close attention.

“I must be extremely aware of the situation,” said Sandoval. “I have to know my job, if I fail, I could cost people their lives.”



# III MEF chooses ‘Marine of the Year’

**Sgt. Nathaniel T. Garcia**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP COURTNEY** – A cable systems technician from G-6, Marine Corps Base was chosen by the III Marine Expeditionary Force Marine of the Year board here Feb. 17.

Sergeant Carlos Weckmann IV, who has been in the Marine Corps for more than four years, was selected by a board of six sergeants major as the top Marine in III MEF.

Marines from 3rd Force Service Support Group, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Division and Marine Corps Base were represented during the board.

“This was one of the toughest boards to select a winner from because of the caliber of individuals that showed up here,” said Sgt. Maj. Donald R. McGowan, III MEF sergeant major. “Each one of those Marines was the best in their MSC in representing as few as about 2,600 in the wing all the way up to around 8,000 in the division. When you figure each individual here represents the top of each one of those units, you can see the difficulty in selecting a winner.”

“When the cream rises to the top, to pick the top layer of the cream is a tough thing to do,” said McGowan. “That involves us looking through this Marine to figure out who he or she is.”

Before the Marines stood before the III MEF Marine of the Year board, the Marines went through similar boards at company, battalion and command levels.

“These Marines are pretty well screened,” said Sgt. Maj. Felipe Pinon, sergeant major, Marine Air Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. “They basically go through the same process as done here. It includes the way they perform, how they articulate and their knowledge of world-wide events.”

The whole Marine concept, everything in his Service Record Book, the way he carries himself and his demeanor was the criteria used to determine the III MEF Marine of the Year, according to Sgt. Maj. Ralph A. Paradine, sergeant major, 3rd Marine Division.

“We want to see how a Marine presents himself or herself orally as well as

physically and how they respond to questions that aren’t normally asked,” said McGowan.

The four Marines were expected to already be knowledgeable in Marine subjects, have exceptional record books and sharp military appearance to be chosen to represent their commands, according to McGowan.

Their job was to use their combined experience to find one Marine who had that ideal shine, according to Paradine.

“We had four stars in here and the only thing that separates the number one star from the number four star is that one has just a little more polish,” said Paradine.

Although the board members agreed there wasn’t any specific area where one of the Marines failed or could improve, a winner had to be chosen.

“There is no loser,” said Paradine. “All of those Marines are winners. Every single one of those Marines could represent [III Marine Expeditionary Force] and Marine Corps Bases Japan as Marine of the Year.”

“Each one of the Marines had their own strong points,” said Sgt. Maj. Harry E. Brown, sergeant major, Marine Corps Base.

Although each Marine had his own strong points, becoming the III MEF ‘Marine of the Year’ was not easy.

“I work hard,” said Weckmann. “I made a lot of sacrifices. Some people say rank has its privileges. I don’t believe that. Rank has its responsibilities. I try to give 100 to 105 percent all the time. I just do the best I can.”

Weckmann, who has been a sergeant for seven months, was meritoriously promoted to private first class, corporal and sergeant and has been on many boards before this one.

He also realizes that winning the board is recognition of all the hard work he has put into being a dedicated Marine and is personally gratifying.

“It feels good that finally the dedication and the work that I put into being a good Marine has paid off,” said Weckmann.

“Being a dedicated Marine takes a lot of home time away from you,” said Weckmann, who has a wife, two children



SGT. NATHANIEL T. GARCIA

**Sergeant Carlos Weckmann IV, G-6, Marine Corps Base took the honors as III Marine Expeditionary Force ‘Marine of the Year’.**

and one on the way. “She (his wife) always supports me and always hopes that I do well.”

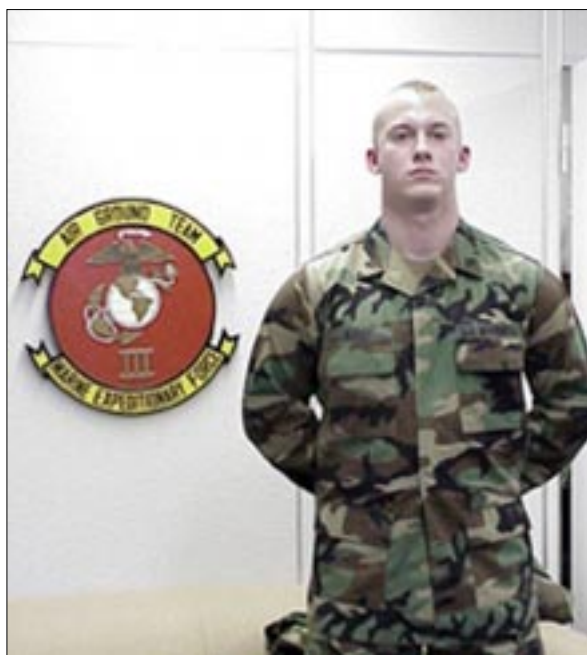
Weckmann admits that some of his drive and dedication to the Marine Corps comes from his father’s exemplary military career.

“My father is probably the most pivotal part of my Marine Corps career,” said Weckmann. “He is the one thing in the Marine Corps that motivates me the most. My father has a deep love for the Marine Corps and I think that’s were I got it

from.”

His father, 1st Sgt. Carlos Weckmann Jr., company first sergeant, Advanced Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif. also excelled in his career in the Marine Corps by picking up gunnery sergeant in nine years, according to Weckmann.

“But that was his own career,” said Weckmann. “I don’t try to follow my father’s footsteps. I’m trying to be better than he is and pick it up faster than he did.”



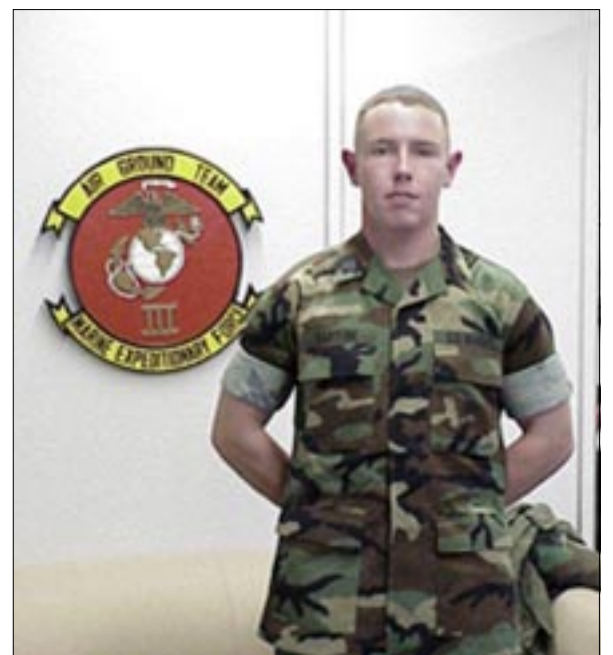
SGT. NATHANIEL T. GARCIA

**Corporal Edward J. Kirby, supply clerk, Combat Service Support Detachment-36, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was selected as the ‘Marine of the Year’ for 3rd FSSG.**



SGT. NATHANIEL T. GARCIA

**Sergeant Robert A. Rogers, fiscal clerk, Marine Air Control Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was selected as the ‘Marine of the Year’ for 1st MAW.**



SGT. NATHANIEL T. GARCIA

**Sergeant Davide F. Sartoni, squad leader, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was selected as the ‘Marine of the Year’ for 3rd MarDiv.**



# Family members enjoy 'cruise' on Belleau Wood

Cpl. E. M. Thorne

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs

**WHITE BEACH** – More than 1,000 family members, friends and special guests arrived at the U.S. Naval Port Facility, White Beach Feb. 12. Normally they would do this to wave good-bye to their beloved Marines and Sailors, but not this time.

This time they were going to experience "life at sea" during the *USS Belleau Wood* Friendship Cruise.

Rear Adm. Harry M. Highfill, commander, Amphibious Group-One, U.S. Naval Port Facility, White Beach, along with Col. D. D. Fulton, commanding officer of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Navy Capt. Tom A. Parker, commanding officer of *USS Belleau Wood*, welcomed families and friends aboard. Once the guests were aboard, the ship set sail for a seven-hour tour in Nakagusuku Bay.

The objective of the cruise was to promote goodwill among the community and to give families and friends an opportunity to see, first-hand, how their Marine or Sailor works at sea as part of the blue-green team.

The normal day-to-day underway routine was not the only thing for everyone to see. The Marines and Sailors had other attractions for family members of all ages to enjoy.

Children were excited to see Marines

from the 31st MEU's Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, dressed in battle gear.

The Marines set up static displays alongside the Navy damage control gear in the hangar for guests to view. Some of the Marines sat on the deck with the children, explaining to the youngsters about the Marine Corps and its equipment.

One of the day's biggest highlights came as Marines from BLT 2/5's Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon, fast roped onto the flight deck from a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter. After inserting the Marines, the CH-46E re-joined other helicopters from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, preparing to land aboard the "Big Dawg" for the families to have a closer look at the aircraft.

The guests experienced all aspects of life on ship. Some visited the berthing areas to see exactly how and where the Marines and Sailors live.

Others visited the workstations. Afterwards the visitors went through the mess line to have a taste of the ship's cuisine.

Showing their families and friends where they work, eat and sleep while at sea, gave the guests a better understanding of what their Marines and Sailors do while deployed away from home. In doing so, they built stronger family understanding.



CPL. E. M. THORNE

**More than 1,000 guests and family members crowded the flight deck as Marines of Battalion Landing Team 2/5's Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon fast roped onto the deck of the *USS Belleau Wood*.**

# Marines resupply food stores to East Timor village

Sgt. Bryce R. Piper

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs

**DILI AIRPORT, East Timor** — Marines from Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) East Timor transported 15,000 pounds of food to augment food stores in the remote village of Hareeme, East Timor, recently.

The people of the village and surrounding area are not starving, according to SPMAGTF East Timor officials. But crop damage caused by the recent civil strife made the re-supply necessary until the normal food table can be restored. SPMAGTF East Timor is currently in the area aboard *USS Juneau* supporting the Australian-led International Forces in East Timor transition to the new United Nations Transitional Administration East Timor.

Marines from MEU Service Support Group-31 and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, the service support and air combat elements of SPMAGTF East Timor, worked together to accomplish the mission. The MSSG-31 Marines bundled 1,500 pounds of bagged corn at a time into cargo nets at Dili Airport and then hooked the nets to the hovering helicopters of HMM-265. HMM-265 brought two CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters, which then transported the food approximately 34 miles over the mountainous terrain to Hareeme. Without the helicopters, the food transport would have been next to impossible because of the mountains and annual rainy season, which together make traditional modes of travel difficult.

Lance Cpl. Aaron B. Burnett of MSSG-31 worked as a member of the ground crew for the food transport. Burnett said he gained as much as he gave in this mission.

"It feels very good to be able to give of our time and our country," said Burnett, "and help people that really need it and are nowhere near as well-off as we are. We're happy to have this opportunity to help out and do our part. Back at the port, I came in contact with these two



GUNNERY SGT. TIMOTHY S. ROHMAN

**Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force East Timor Marines deliver 1,500 pounds of food to resupply East Timorese in Hareeme village. Two CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265 transported the net loaded by Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-31 Marines.**

kids. It really makes you stop and think about the differences and lessons you can learn from people who don't have as much as we do, that are happy with just the things

they have and the simple things we could give them ... It was a very wholesome, good atmosphere. I think they're beautiful people and I wish we could do more for them."



# Technicians - Marines' 911 force

Staff Sgt. Jason J. Bortz

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP KINSER** — The wailing ambulance siren can often send chills up the spine. There is never a good reason to hear that sound, because it means that an accident has occurred and somebody's life may be in danger. That siren is part of the life of an Emergency Medical Technician.

There are three EMTs who work here at the fire department and approximately 24 EMTs total on Okinawa. "Our job is to be the 911 response team and to work with the firefighters," said Petty Officer Second Class Joey Willis, EMT, Medical Logistics, Materiel Readiness Co., Materiel Readiness Bn. The EMTs cover Camp Kinser, in addition to neighboring communities, if an emergency involves U.S. servicemembers or their families.

Responding to emergencies is now more organized since EMTs have moved to the fire department, according to Willis. Before, the EMTs were located at the hospital and the 911 dispatcher would have to call the military police, the fire department and the hospital. "Now, we are more centralized and this has decreased response time," said Willis.

The three EMTs divide into 24-hour shifts with one of them always being present at the fire department.

A normal day for an EMT begins with checking the ambulance, testing the



STAFF SGT. JASON J. BORTZ

**Petty Officer Second Class Joey Willis, Emergency Medical Technician at Camp Kinser, gives a class on checking vital signs to Yoshiteru Kochi, a firefighter at Camp Kinser. The EMTs give daily medical training to the firefighters.**

medical equipment, charging batteries and preparing for training. "Of course, our job is very unpredictable because the siren could sound at any time," said Willis.

Every day, the EMTs and firefighters do various types of training to keep their skills sharp. Whoever is on duty that day will give the firefighters a class on medi-

cal procedures. The classes range from checking vital signs to applying a traction splint to a patient. The firefighters also give classes to the EMTs such as hose training or pulling a patient out of a building. "It's not mandatory for us to know [firefighting skills], but you would be a fool not to," said Willis.

The training can be difficult since the

firefighters are Okinawan and not all speak English and vice versa. To help with the language barrier, they also give language classes to one another. "We have a great relationship with the firefighters, its like a family environment," said Willis.

The daily training is important because it is that training that an EMT relies on when he arrives onto a scene of an accident. A scene can be an emotional explosion, especially if it involves children or multiple patients, so an EMT relies on training because it's step by step, according to Willis. "You have to delay the emotions until the emergency is over," he said.

When that sirens sounds, all of the training pays off. The EMT is the first medical representative to arrive on a scene. He works with the fire chief and takes control of the medical responsibilities of the scene. EMT's sort patients by injuries, cone off areas and remain in constant contact with the hospital. If a triage team is needed, the team will assume control of the scene and the EMT will work with that team.

"Everybody should do this job, especially if you like helping people," said Willis. "Helping people in an emergency situation is the most fulfilling feeling."

Every time a siren is heard, a qualified and dedicated EMT is heading toward an emergency to do his best to save lives.

## Mechanics keep Logistics Vehicle Systems running

Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Crawford

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — The Marine Corps' combat resources, from complex weapons systems to 5-ton trucks to the multi-skilled infantryman, have to be in top condition. They must be prepared to deploy for any reason, anytime and anywhere in the world.

One Marine Corps resource is the Logistics Vehicle System, which is the responsibility of specially trained



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY A. CRAWFORD

**Lance Cpl. Paul I. Callahan, LVS mechanic, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG, inspects the inner-workings of the LVS.**

mechanics.

"We learn the basics of our training at Camp Johnson, North Carolina," said Lance Cpl. Steven D. O'Guinn, 19, LVS mechanic, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group and Cahokia, Ill., native. "But we learn a lot from the people in the fleet that have had more hands-on training than we have had."

The mechanic's mission is to make sure 3rd TSB Motor Transportation LVS assets are maintained at all times.

They also repair deadlined vehicles (vehicles that cannot perform their mission), and return them to the fleet.

Introduced in the mid-80s, the LVS is a modular system with a MK48 front power unit and five interchangeable rear body units. The front and rear units are joined by a hydraulically powered joint that helps in steering the vehicle and allows a better degree of movement between the units for improved mobility.

The five interchangeable trailers available for the LVS are the container-hauler-flatbed trailer, the wrecker unit, the fifth-wheel trailer, the cargo/troop carrier and the hydraulic container hauler.

The mechanics also stay busy performing preventive maintenance which includes daily, weekly and monthly checkups on all parts of the vehicle.

"We take care of the day-to-day things such as changing the oil, maintaining the cleanliness of the air and oil filters and the vehicles themselves," said Staff Sgt. Lanny A. Schrock, LVS shop chief, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG. "The work that these Marines do shows that they are good and work well together."

The Marines in the LVS section really enjoy what they do, according to Schrock.

"I truly believe that these Marines enjoy the satisfaction of working on the LVSs," said Schrock. "At the same time they know they are serving their country as United States Marines."

In serving their country, the Marines are also doing their part to make the vehicles available anytime the III Marine Expeditionary Force needs them.



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY A. CRAWFORD

**Corporal Rafael A. Velazquez (right) and Lance Cpl. Jose N. Melgar, both LVS mechanics with 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG, break the seal of a tire from an LVS.**



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY A. CRAWFORD

**An LVS mechanic wipes down and polishes a hydraulic oil filter canister of an LVS.**



# Okinawa cyclists come together

Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Lynch

Combat Correspondent

**KADENA AIR BASE** — The leader wears a yellow jersey and tries to maintain his position in front of the other cyclists. However, unlike the “Tour de France,” his goal is not to beat the other riders, but to maintain an even pace so they can complete the route quickly.

This is one of the ways a group of cyclists, who have been meeting every week for the last several years, have been improving their cycling skills.

The group, which sometimes numbers more than 20 members is comprised of local civilians and servicemembers. They meet every Saturday at 7 a.m., rain or shine, in the parking lot of the United Service Organizations here. Once assembled, the group decides on a route and usually departs by 7:20 a.m. On most Saturdays, they ride approximately 60 miles, stopping halfway in Nago to take a break and regroup if anyone falls behind.

“We try to maintain a speed of 17-19 mph,” said Dennis F. Fahey. “That way we can stay competitive and have a solid workout.”

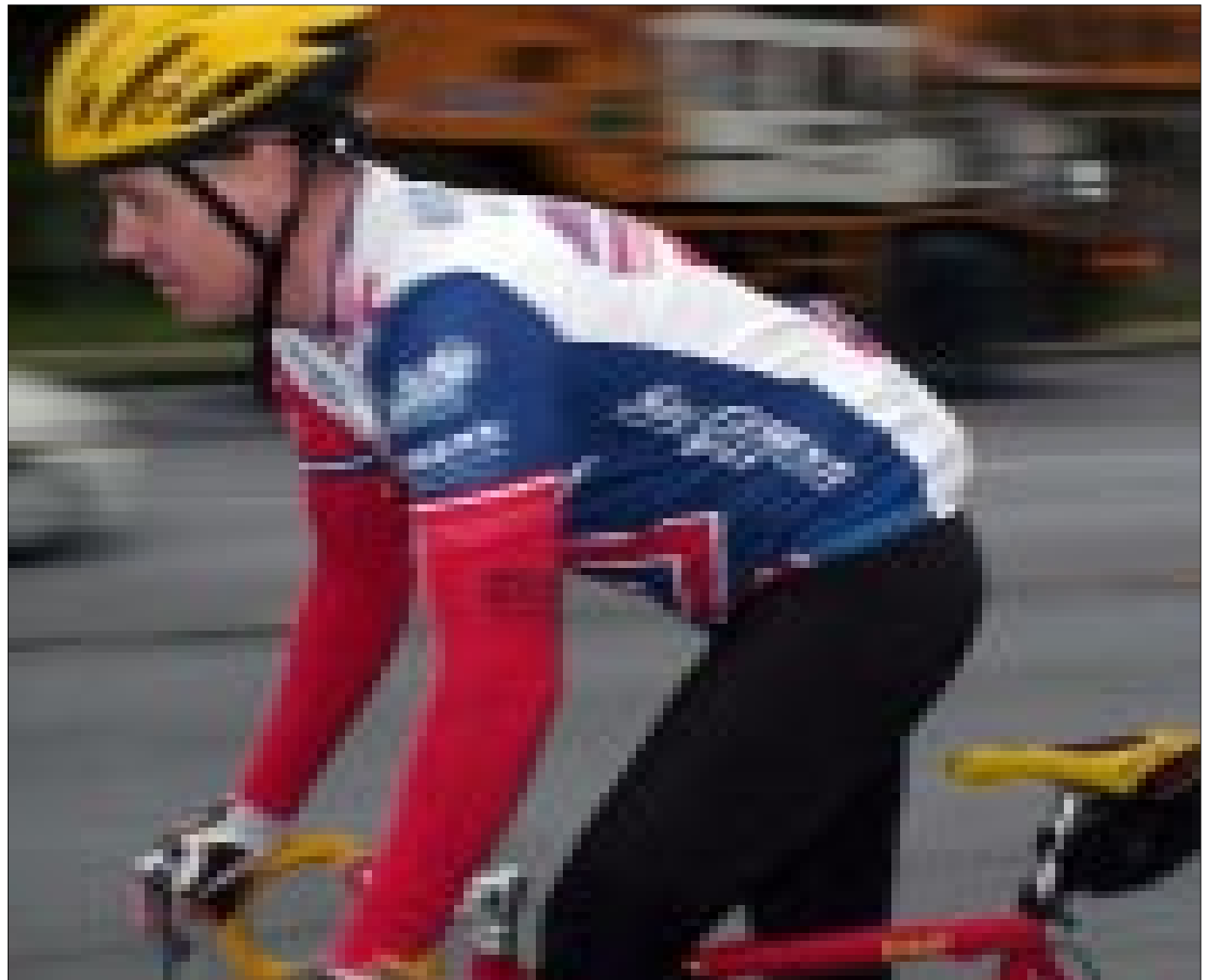
Skill levels vary in the group ranging from the recreational rider to the competitive.

“Some of us use the rides to train for competitions that take place throughout the island, while the rest, use it as good form of non-impact exercise,” said Ty R. Wharton, whose three-mile run time has dropped by one minute since he’s been riding with the group.

Although the pack of cyclists have been around for a while and no one really knows who started it.

“We want to keep the activity fun for everyone who participates, so even after we establish the club, we’ll keep things informal,” said Fahey, a Marine gunnery sergeant and native of Lakewood, N.J.

“Unfortunately, today’s road racing bicycle can be an expensive investment.



GUNNERY SGT. ANDREW LYNCH

**Dennis F. Fahey trains with other cyclists every Saturday to help maintain his conditioning for island road racing competitions.**

Most entry level competitive bicycles start around \$500 and can go into the thousands,” explained Wharton, who is also a Marine gunnery sergeant and is from Cumberland, Md.

“Technical improvements to a road racing bicycles have come a long way in the past 10 years,” added Fahey, who has been riding more than 13 years. “Steel frames and spoke wheels have been replaced with stronger and lighter aluminum or graphite frames and solid wheels that add strength to the cycle while re-

ducing drag.”

Fahey and Wharton have been riding together for more than three months now, and they both agree that apart from the physical benefits of cycling here on the island, it’s a great way to get out and see some of the local sights that people might overlook riding in a vehicle.

Bicycle road racing is a growing sport in Japan, according to Fahey. Many professional cycling teams come to Okinawa from the mainland to train because of the fair climate.

However, cyclists interested in riding with the group do not have to be professionals, they just have to have the desire.

“Anyone with a road bike and the willingness to try is invited to come and ride,” said Fahey.

Fahey emphasized that it doesn’t matter if people are leading or a part of the pack, as long as they participate.

For more information, contact group member, Matt Luebbers online at: <http://odst.cjb.net>.



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**Cyclists gather for any last minute preparations before their Saturday ride.**



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**Cyclists begin their trek through the streets of Okinawa.**



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**Specialized equipment, such as shoes, are just one of many advances in cycling in the last decade.**



# The Marketplace



## Automobiles/ motorcycles

**1987 Toyota Mark II** — JCI Jun 00, \$800 OBO. 636-4171.  
**1994 Harley 1200** — JCI Jun 01, best offer over \$7,000. Chief, 623-7106.  
**1986 Toyota Lite Ace** — JCI Sep 01, \$1,200. 636-4479.  
**1989 Nissan Vannette** — JCI Jun 00, \$1,400 OBO, 643-7161.  
**Suzuki GSXR 750cc** — \$2,200 w/ helmet and cover. 646-8713.  
**1990 Toyota Master Ace** — JCI Jan 02, \$3,100 OBO. Norman 637-4310.  
**1990 Pajero** — JCI Jun 01, \$4,700 OBO. 646-5523.  
**1990 Nissan Bluebird** — JCI Aug 00, \$1,000 OBO. 622-8341 or 623-4059.  
**1987 Toyota Corolla** — JCI Oct 00, \$900. 622-8372.  
**1990 Toyota Celica** — JCI Aug 01, \$2,200. Tang, 625-2603.  
**1993 Daihatsu Charade** — JCI Apr 01, \$2,500. Cpl. Tchang, 645-2179.  
**1984 Toyota van** — JCI Sep 00, \$800 OBO. **1987 Mitsubishi Gallant** — JCI Jun 00, \$500 OBO. 646-8934.  
**1987 Honda CRX** — JCI May 00, \$500. Joe, 646-6927.  
**1988 Nissan van** — JCI Jan 02, \$1,500 OBO. John, 646-6067.  
**1988 Nissan van** — JCI Feb 02, \$1,500. Capt. Amposta, 633-2532.  
**1985 Super Ace** — JCI Jun 01. Lt. Wahl, 623-5030 or 623-7371.  
**1989 Toyota Super Ace** — JCI Jun 01. Capt. Fitzpatrick, 623-4910.  
**1992 Suzuki Cappuccino** — 930-0393.  
**1986 Mitsubishi Chariot** — JCI Oct 00, \$400 OBO. Capt. Plenzler, 645-0792.  
**1988 Toyota Corona** — JCI Jun 01, \$900. 964-6504, or 0909-577-9359.  
**1989 Toyota** — JCI Sep 00, \$900. Lisa, 926-0681.  
**1988 Toyota van** — JCI May 00, \$1,400 OBO. 637-6075/4491.  
**1989 Corona** — JCI Mar 01, \$700 OBO. Greg Grayson, 625-3234.  
**1985 Toyota van** — JCI Sep 00, \$850. Cpl. Johnson, 646-8389, or 645-7315.  
**1991 Mitsubishi Diamonte** — JCI Feb 02, \$2,500. **1988 Honda CRX** — JCI Feb 02, \$2,300. Robert, 646-6097.



## Miscellaneous

**Misc.** — Graco double stroller, \$75; Pro Kennex tennis racket, \$30; booster chair w/ tray, \$10. 926-2654.  
**Misc.** — 6-disk CD player, \$100; Super Nintendo w/ 3 games, \$25; treadmill, \$200; 19" TV, \$200; Japanese-Korean-English talking translator. 899-2708.  
**Appliances** — American-style refrigerator, washer and dryer, \$700. John, 926-1772 or 645-0849.  
**Fur coat** — Full-length Raccoon fur coat, size 10-12, \$1,200 OBO. 622-8543 or rdmr440@aol.com.  
**Misc.** — Four new 14/65 tires; carpet steamer. 930-0393.  
**Misc.** — Dehumidifier, \$30; gas grill, \$75; weed whacker, \$20; wood table w/ four chairs, \$140; refrigerator, \$100. Greg Masiello, 936-3397.  
**Wanted** — White changing table. Cassandra, 622-8785.  
**Misc.** — 15.5 TFT LCD Monitor, \$700; Cambridge Microworks speakers, \$150; Cambridge Soundworks speakers, \$75. Sgt. Brown, 622-6820.  
**Notebook computer** — AMD K6-2 300, 24x CD, 4gb HD, 56k v.90 modem, 32mb ram, \$1,300. 932-1687.  
**Misc.** — 55ft. fence w/ locking gate, approved for base housing, \$500; King-size light oak waterbed, \$700. Larry and Kathy Day, 622-8437.  
**Ring** — 14k custom gold ring, men's size 12, \$275. Scott, 645-3051.  
**Misc.** — Glass dining table w/ six chairs, \$500; girl's 20" and boys 16" bikes, \$50. Sue, 646-8298.  
**Transformers** — 2000w, \$70; 1000w, \$60. 633-7100.  
**Free kitten** — 5-months-old, has shots, litter box trained. 637-3590.  
**Dive watch** — Aqualand Promaster, nine dives on watch, \$400. 623-7693.  
**Misc.** — Day bed w/ mattress, \$150 OBO. 27" RCA color television, \$190 OBO. 637-5054.  
**Misc.** — Banshee 16MB display card. 32MB SDRAM, \$50. David, 646-3636.  
**Misc.** — Double jogging stroller w/ handbrake, \$175. 633-6115.  
**Cat** — Spayed, shots, free to good home. (W) 645-3221, (H) 633-9180.

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	<b>Butler (645-3465)</b>	Mon	The World is not Enough (R); 5:00
		Tue	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00
Fri	End of Days (R); 6:30	Wed	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00
Fri	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 9:30	Thu	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
Sat	The Tigger Movie (G); 1:00, 4:00, 6:30		<b>Keystone (634-1869)</b>
Sat	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 9:30	Fri	End of Days (R); 6:30, 9:30
Sun	The Tigger Movie (R); 1:00	Sat	The World is not Enough (PG13); 1:00
Mon	The World is not Enough (PG13); 7:00	Sat	End of Days (R); 6:30, 9:30
Tue	The Omega Code (PG13); 7:00	Sun	The World is not Enough (PG13); 2:00
Wed	The Omega Code (PG13); 7:00	Sun	Three Kings (R); 5:00, 8:30
Thu	The Beach (R); 7:00	Mon	The Beach (R); 7:00
	<b>Courtney (622-9616)</b>	Tue	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
Fri	The World is not Enough (PG13); 7:00	Wed	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
Sat	Music of the Heart (PG); 7:00	Thu	The Omega Code (PG13); 7:00
Sun	The Beach (R); 6:00		<b>Kinser (637-2177)</b>
Mon	CLOSED	Fri	The Beach (R); 7:00
Tue	CLOSED	Sat	Music of the Heart (PG); 3:00
Wed	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00	Sat	The World is not Enough (PG13); 7:00, 11:30
Thu	CLOSED	Sun	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00
	<b>Futenma (636-3890)</b>	Mon	CLOSED
Fri	The Insider (R); 7:00	Tue	The World is not Enough (PG13); 7:00
Sat	End of Days (R); 7:00	Wed	The Omega Code (PG13); 7:00
Sun	Music of the Heart (PG); 7:30	Thu	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
Mon	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:30		<b>Schwab (625-2333)</b>
Tue	CLOSED	Fri	End of Days (R); 7:00
Wed	End of Days (R); 7:30	Sat	End of Days (R); 6:00, 9:00
Thu	CLOSED	Sun	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
	<b>Hansen (623-4564)</b>	Mon	Blue Streak (PG13); 7:00
Fri	Play it to the Bone (R); 6:30, 9:30	Tue	The Beach (R); 7:00
Sat	Play it to the Bone (R); 6:30, 9:30	Wed	The Beach (R); 7:00
Sun	Play it to the Bone (R); 2:00	Thu	Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00
Sun	The World is not Enough (R); 5:30, 8:30		

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